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A confidential informant of known reliability has advised as follows regarding the relationship between the Director of the FBI and the Rev. Martin Luther King:

In the Fall of 1964 following the remarks made to the press by the Director FBI regarding King and after King's counter statement, an Assistant Director of the FBI visited [redacted] one of the more responsible Negro leaders in this country and advised him that the Director FBI was prepared to make specific charges against King based on factual data in his possession to the effect that King had misused funds contributed to the Civil Rights movement for his personal benefit; that he knowingly employed on his personal staff two members of the CPUSA although he had promised other Negro leaders he would terminate the two [redacted]

[redacted] summoned King to New York City and advised him of these charges and at first met with denials of them but subsequently King admitted that it looked as though he were in trouble. He asked for time to think the matter over and said he would see [redacted] the following day. He did not appear as promised and later [redacted] ascertained that King had gone to Washington and made his peace with the Director FBI.

The foregoing information has been confirmed from another source with direct access to the Director FBI.

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